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Application No.: 10/581,343	)	Group Art Unit: 3643
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MATERIAL FOR CULTIVATING	)	
PLANT HAVING WATER	)	
ABSORBENT RESIN AS MAIN	)	
COMPONENT	)	

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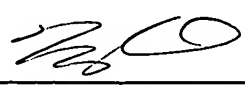
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of the document cited, as well as the English translation thereof, is enclosed.

The document is being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since the document is being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee or statement is required.

To assist the Examiner, the document is listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.


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